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Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D Director Office of Broadband Department of Housing and Community Development 600 East Main Street, Ste 300 Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am providing this Letter of Intent to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development of Rockbridge County's intent to submit an application for the FY2021 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI).

Rockbridge County continues to promote expansion of broadband throughout our communities with the goal of reaching every residence and business. Rockbridge County intends to submit an application for a VATI grant in September 2021. The intent of the application will be to provide broadband service of at least 25/3 to all currently unserved residences and businesses in the County. The application may be issued by the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors, the Rockbridge Economic Development Authority, or by the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission on behalf of Rockbridge County.

Spencer Suter will be our main point of contact for the purposes of the application process, and can be reached at:

150 South Main Street Lexington, VA 24450 (540) 463-1460 ssuter@rockbridgecountyva.gov Rockbridge County understands that this Letter of Intent is required in order to submit an application for the 2021 the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and that this Letter of Intent to Submit is not binding on the entity represented by the undersigned, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Spencer H. Suter

County Administrator